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## THE BOWLES-SHORTER MATTER. Some Bright Lights on the Incident

Last week the editor of the Advocate was compelled to get such facts as he could in regard to the Bowles-Shorter deft from Deputy Sheriff W. C. Black as he was too ill to hunt for them.

It will be remembered that Dr. W. C. Black is in charge of the office of Sheriff while his brother, Sheriff Read P. Black, is in Louisville undergoing an operation.

In the interview mentioned we failed to get the information that Deputy Sheriff Dr. W. C. Black is alleged to have instructed J. W. Bays, one of Knox County's soldier boys, to take the other candidates for sheriff and go and get Bowles and Shorter. To this Bays demurred, stating that he would go and get some of his old comrades who are accustomed to the use of a rifle, and report. This he did returning to the office of the sheriff at 6 p. m. Saturday, where he and his comrades remained for two hours but saw no signs of activity around the office.

In the report given to the editor Dr. Black stated that two men went up the mountain Sunday morning. As a matter of fact there were four namely, Nat Helton, Charley Owens and we believe two Hale boys. When the men were discovered in the enclosure of the reservoir and it was seen that the men were armed with rifles the two Hale boys were sent to Deputy Sheriff Dr. W. C. Black with instructions to send four rifles to the L. & N. depot in an automobile.

Instead of doing this, Dr. Black repeated the silly farce of calling on some forty citizens to shoulder arms and go after men who from the hill side could easily see them coming and take their time in getting away.

Why, also, try foolish camoflage on a soldier boy whose courage has been tried under conditions of which those of us who stayed at home have no conception. The action of Bays in doing the logical thing, that of getting together men who can shoot and who are not afraid, is to be commended. We do not see why the other candidates for sheriff have any reason to be complimented by Dr. Black's order.

Let us have an end of this ostrich-like action. It is the plain duty of the Sheriff to go and get law-breakers. If he will not do it personally then let him give support to brave men who will. The fact that Helton and Owens were willing to stay on the hill-side and take their chances, armed only with revolvers, gave them the right to the rifles asked for and a couple of good deputies with them.

They are of the type that would have gotten results.

It is a sad fact that no life is safe in Knox County, which is at the mercy of thugs who may kill with absolute immunity from arrest.

### One Proper Pride.

Pride is one of the seven deadly sins; but it cannot be the pride of a mother in her children, for this is a compound of the cardinal virtues—faith and hope. (Charles Dickens.)

## LOGAN INFIRMARY NOTES

Finley Hackers, son of Theo Hackers of Sproule, underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Phipps, of Emanuel underwent an operation Monday.

Lucile Woodson underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Logan Infirmary on Monday and is doing nicely.

S. B. Bush, of Baileys Switch was accidentally shot in the right leg last Monday. His home is in Green Pond, Alabama. He was brought to the Logan Infirmary where the injured member was X-rayed.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Every Sunday is "Go to Sunday School Day" at the Baptist Church. 246 May 1, and 257 May 8, with an average of 235 for the first four and a half months this year so far. We now have a place with an excellent teacher for you and you are missing something worth while if you do not join our S. S.

Next Sunday, May 15th, we are expecting the Commencement sermon for B. B. I. and want to have at least 300 in S. S.

About fifty in prayer meeting last week. Watch us grow along all lines. Fine congregations are attending all services.

Work is now under way for our new Church building which will give us the only A1 S. S. equipment in this end of the state.

## CLARK-DOAN

Mr. Harry Doan, formerly of Barbourville, and Miss Emma Clark, of Knoxville, Tenn., a beautiful and gifted school teacher, were united in marriage at Mr. Doan's former home on North Main Street last Saturday evening, May 7th, at 7:15 by J. Edgar Allen, pastor of the Baptist Church. Only the home folks were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Doan will reside at Corbin where Mr. Doan makes his headquarters in his position with the L. & N. R. R.

## 400 INDICTMENTS FOUND

In communities many times the size of Knox County where the law is looked upon as a living force, 400 indictments at one term of court would be regarded as monstrous. In a community where every one feels he is entitled to follow his own sweet will 400 indictments or one to every seventy citizens, is too calmly regarded. About seventy-five were whiskey cases.

At the past term of court about twenty-five were convicted of liquor charges in one form or another and were fined from \$50.00 to \$300.00 with thirty days to six months in jail.

## Dry Farming.

Dry farming is a scientific farming of land where there is a limited or unfavorable distribution of rainfall. Irrigation is not practiced, the fertility and moisture of the soil being managed by a system of deep cultivation, rotation of crops and the "plowing in" of green manures.

## POLITICS—ROSE AND CATRON SCORE

Monday was the first day of the May Term of the Whitley Circuit Court.

In spite of the fact that farmers are busy at this season, there is always a big crowd in town on that day. Monday was no exception for the town was literally overflowing with Whitley County's best citizenship.

By long experience our people have learned to regard the first day of our May Term of Court as Candidates day—the day on which candidates announce themselves.

And last Monday was no departure from the long established custom.

Judge Rose empaneled and charged his jury in the forenoon and turned the afternoon over to the aspirants for offices.

Many people were disappointed at the order in which the candidates made their announcements. Most everybody was more interested in what candidates for Commonwealth Attorney and Circuit Judge would say than in what candidates for other offices might have in mind.

For, just at this time, our people are waking up to the mighty necessity of stopping the lawlessness that is threatening our very homes and they realize that the Circuit Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney are the two officers who can do more for them than any others.

Nevertheless, the announcements began with the smaller offices and ended with the Commonwealth's Attorney's and Circuit Judge's; and by the time the turn of these offices had come it had grown so late that more than half the crowd which had jammed into the Court Room at the start had had to go home, which was unfortunate.

For we will say that those who didn't stay till the finish missed the whole big show.

For the way Judge Rose sailed into J. B. Snyder and skinned him was a circus in itself.

It seems that Mr. Snyder, or some of his friends, have been conducting a sort of underground, midnight, German propaganda of criticism of Judge Rose's instructions to the jury in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Elbert Early. In carrying out this secret, indirect and skulking propaganda the friends of Mr. Snyder seem to have imposed on good old Marsh Mahan and put him in a position to be made a laughing stock.

They seem to have done this by writing a letter criticizing Judge Rose's instructions in that case, having Uncle Marsh sign the letter and then publishing it in the Advocate in Barbourville.

Those who know Rich Rose's power on the stump can imagine how he went after such dark lantern, subterranean, cowardly methods as this. He cited decision after decision by the Court of Appeals, read legal authority after legal authority that backed him up on his instructions, challenged Mr. Snyder to deny that his instructions were right, demanded of Mr. Snyder that he tell the people what he knew about the Marsh Mahan letter, read a letter from Judge E. C. O'Rear, Ex-Su-

preme Judge of the Court of Appeals and an opinion by the lawyers of the Knox County Bar sustaining his instructions.

(All this was more law than Joe ever knew existed.)

He jumped on Joe's record of compromises, incompetency and trading of indictments for votes.

Joe was evidently hacked when he came to take his twenty minutes in reply for he didn't consume all of it. Evidently he hadn't expected so much of a hail storm to break loose or didn't know it was loaded.

He denied knowing anything concerning the Marsh Mahan letter, apologized for compromising so many cases and blamed the trial juries of the Court because he had secured so few convictions. He promised, however, that before his campaign is over he would pull the curtain back and show up Rose's record. At which the crowd just smiled. It seemed a good time to begin to pull the curtain aside right then.

When Joe had quit—without finishing—he took a seat in one of the jury chairs right in front of Rose, who had five minutes to reply.

But Joe couldn't stand the gaff. Before Rose had used one minute of his five, Joe hurriedly got up and left with Rose begging him to stay and the crowd laughing.

Good judges of such things declared after it was over that they had never in all their lives seen such a total wreck made of a man in twenty minutes as Rose made of Joe and if anybody had any doubt how Whitley County will vote in the Circuit Judge's race they lost that very doubt right there and then. Whitley is overwhelmingly for Rose.

J. Fred Catron, a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, made a strong impression by his forceful, dispassionate denunciation of lawlessness and his pledge to enforce the law against all violators of it without fear or favor.

He scored a strong point when he declared that if he were convinced that a man were innocent he would not force him to pay out money by a compromise, but would dismiss the indictment. Also that if he believed he were guilty he would prosecute him to a conviction if it were in his power and refuse to compromise with him.

Just at this time, when our people are waking up to the evils of compromising with criminals and when they are demanding that lawlessness shall be curbed, this courageous and manly declaration made Catron many friends.

J. C. Bird also announced as a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney. His speech was along the lines our people are accustomed to expect from Crit. The burden of it was the claim that he had made a good record as County Attorney and an invitation to investigate the same which made the crowd grin.

It was noticeable that he did not invite anybody to investigate his political record or his private life. And that made some of the crowd grin, too.

But it was when he chokingly and with much difficulty expressed himself as glad that the women are now voters that the crowd grinned the broadest. In fact a suppressed snigger ran thru the crowd—and some even winked at each other when he finally got that out.

Bird was evidently feeling hacked for some reason; for he was not his usual wise, superior and self-satisfied self.

Maybe it was because he also had felt the impression Catron's honest, clean life, clean and honest looks, manly and straightforward speech, had made on the crowd.

Maybe it was because he realized that the good women of this District are going to determine who the Commonwealth's Attorney will be and felt that he cannot speak their language.

Or maybe it was because his reception was so cold in this his home town and home County. For cold it certainly was.

If anybody except Jim Buck McKeehan had any enthusiasm for Crit concealed on his person, he kept it concealed. And Jim Buck's enthusiasm was to be expected, of course.

Altogether it was a field day for Rose and Catron—Whitley Republican.

—Political Advt.

## J. FRED CATRON IS A FIRST CLASS MAN

We take pleasure in recommending J. Fred Catron to the favorable attention of the voters in his candidacy for the office of Commonwealth Attorney.

Mr. Catron is square, clean and absolutely to be relied on. He will make no compromises with law-breakers or with his own conscience. He is not that kind of a man.

The office of Commonwealth's Attorney needs a man of the type of Mr. Catron; the people of Knox County need one who will show a stern, uncompromising face to the murderer, pistol toter, moonshiner, bootlegger and every kind of criminal. Keep in mind what it would mean to Knox County to have a law-abiding citizenship and what it would mean to progress of every kind.

Then vote for the type of men who will bring about this condition.

## TUESDAY CLUB

Mrs. Edward Faulkner entertained the Tuesday Club with one of the most pleasant of the series of meetings Thursday afternoon at her residence on Main Street.

Mrs. Guy Dickinson presided during the business hour. The Club voted to give \$5.00 to "My Old Kentucky Home" fund.

Many questions were brought before the members, chief among these being a course in citizenship training, to be given by Mrs. Cromwell of Frankfort. The members voted to have Mrs. Cromwell come to Barbourville in June. The lessons will cover a period of ten days and will be open to any one who desires to take the course.

With Mrs. F. D. Sampson as leader, "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Famous Men of Kentucky" as the subjects the following program was given:

Story of Federal Hill and "My Old Kentucky Home" Mrs. A. W. Hopper, Stephen C. Foster, Mrs. Ben Herndon.

Daniel Boone, Mrs. Milo Richards, John Fox Jr. and James Lane Allen, Mrs. John Tye.

John Rowan, Mrs. Sampson, Abraham Lincoln, Mrs. Sawyer A. Smith.

Cassius M. Clay, Mrs. James S. Miller. A Summary of Kentucky Poets, Mrs. R. B. Minton.

Piano Solo, Variations of Swanee River, Mrs. W. H. Buck.

There were several visitors present. During the social hour the hostess entertained her guests with contest. Prizes were won by Mrs. Dan Herndon and Miss Gertrude Black.

Delicious refreshments were then served and each guest was presented with a dainty hand painted favor.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. John Hughes on Pine Street.

## When Spiders Retreat.

Spiders hide themselves in threatening weather. This is because they know insects do not fly about in the damp atmosphere preceding rain, and not because they lack umbrellas.

## A FREAK CHICKEN

Miss Nannie Haun, living three miles down the river, has a barred Plymouth Rock which the day after she brings off a brood of chicks begins to lay and then again returns to her chicks. She has done this for two years.

## NEW SODA FOUNTAIN STAND

The Model Bakery has installed an up-to-date soda fountain where ice cream will also be served. The fountain is new and sanitary. An electric soda carbonator has been installed. The public is invited to drop in and see these improvements.

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## CHRISTIAN CHURCH LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church met on Friday, May 6th, with Mrs. Richards.

Twelve members answered roll call. The subject for the afternoon was "Rest and Recreation." Some splendid quotations were given on the subject. The little poem read by Mrs. Rathfon and the selection referring to "Mother's Day" read by Mrs. Evans were greatly enjoyed.

After the program for the afternoon followed a very interesting business hour and some good plans were made for the future work. Also the Aid made a motion to send a delegate to the district convention which will be held in Jellico, Tenn., on the 10th and 11th of May.

The Society adjourned to meet again on Friday May 20th, with Mrs. Costello at which meeting all members are urged to be present if possible.

## SHOT IN THE LEG

S. B. Bush, of Bailey Switch, was at church Sunday at Hi-Land Park. Mr. Bush is really from Green Pond, Alabama, which accounts for the fact that he was unaware of the extreme danger of doing any such thing outside of Barbourville.

Being doubtless refreshed in the spirit, he started home up the track when a freight train passed. Everyone knows that freight trains were specially made to shoot at and some enterprising young sports, totting guns on the Sabbath in this gun totting country, fired at the freight train, which being a small object, was missed by the shootist, the bullet striking the leg of Mr. Bush. He was brought in Monday morning for an X-ray examination at the Logan Sanitarium. The leaden pellet was found and extracted.

## LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Dayton, Ohio, May 10, '21.

Editor of the Advocate:— Just received the last copy of the paper announcing the death of Ben E. Parker. Will you, please, thru your paper, express to the family and relatives our deepest sympathy in these sad hours of bereavement.

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J. C. JONES and WIFE.

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## MICKIE SAYS

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